

As a pioneer for home health in Audrain County, Bill was instrumental in the Audrain City-County Health Unit establishing a home health agency in 1963 which has since expanded to include four more home health units. Bill has also taken a considerable leadership role in home health care serving as president of the Missouri Alliance for Home Care, MAHC, from 1981 to 1982 and as a member of the board of MAHC for 9 years between 1977 and 1988. There is no question that he has been an innovator in the field of home health care in Missouri.

While Bill continues to display tireless commitment to home health care, which includes serving as administrator for the Audrain City-County Health Unit for the last 35 years, his generosity and hard work for the health and well being for the citizens of Audrain County and Missouri expands well beyond that of home health care. In addition to being a leader in the inception of the Rural Health Administrators, serving on the Partnership Council of the Department of Health/Local Health Department and serving on the Partnership Council Environmental Committee he has been active in the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Meals on Wheels program and as a member of the Audrain County Human Development Corporation since 1965.

Today I ask the Senate to join me in honoring Bill's distinguished career in public health and public service.●

WALTER "SALTY" BRINE'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, on August 5, 2003, an icon in my home State of Rhode Island celebrated his 85th birthday. Walter "Salty" Brine was hired by WPRO-AM in 1942 and took over as morning host in 1943 where he stayed for 50 years.

Salty entertained Rhode Islanders on radio and television with his enthusiasm, family friendly programming and his love for Rhode Island and its coastline. In fact, it is his love for the water which earned him the nickname "Salty." But, Salty's contribution to Rhode Island has been more than just entertainment. He has been a consistent supporter of charitable organizations and an inspiration for the disabled.

Brine has been a role model for Rhode Islanders and has been named a member of the National Commission for the March of Dimes, National Commission on Muscular Dystrophy, and both the President's and Rhode Island's committees on the employment of the handicapped. He has been a supporter of the Meeting Street School for Crippled Children and the Rhode Island Association for Retarded Children. Brine was named the recipient of the 1999 Nellie A. Greenwood Humanitarian Award and numerous other honors have been bestowed on Salty by organizations such as the Cranston Jaycees,

Rhode Island Big Brother, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

Brine lent his support to the Lt. Governor's Rhode Island Fights Back Program that asked the public to help support local businesses that suffered after September 11.

Brine's love for the water has led to his involvement in the preservation of State beaches and waterways. He is on the Board of Trustees of Save the Bay and in 1990, a State beach was named in his honor.

As an on air personality it was Salty's folksy, contagious enthusiasm that endeared him to the Rhode Island public. Almost every lifelong Rhode Islander, young and old, can remember Brine's winter storm school closings announcements, highlighted by a line that has become a unique part of Rhode Island culture, "No school Foster-Gloester!"

Brine dominated morning radio on WPRO for decades and he remained a ratings winner until he left WPRO in 1993, though he continued to make the famous school closing announcements from home during snowy Rhode Island winters. WPRO's broadcast center is now named after him.

I first glimpsed Salty back in the 1950s when he came to visit his son, Wally, at St. Matthew's School in Cranston. Wally and I were grade school classmates. Salty was the first "celebrity" I ever saw in person. Almost 50 years later, he's still the best as well as the first.

In the early days of television Brine developed "Salty Brine's Shack," a children's show that ran on Channel 12 from 1958 to 1968. Many still remember Brine closing the show telling kids to "Brush your teeth and say your prayers."

Rhode Island has certainly been lucky to have Salty Brine and in an interview with the Providence Journal Brine expressed a mutual love, "I've been very lucky," he said. "I've had the most wonderful association with the State of Rhode Island anyone could ever have."●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,

and Pensions was discharged from the further consideration of the following joint resolution, which was placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 17. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to broadcast media ownership.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3615. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the United Grain Standards Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3616. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diallyl Sulfides; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance: Correction" (FRL#7320-5) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3617. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3618. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Addition of a New Varietal Type Quality Requirements for Other Seedless-Sulfured Raisins" (Doc. no. FV02-989-1) received on August 11, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3619. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of User Fees for 2002 Crop Cotton Classification Services to Growers" (RIN0581-AC04) received on August 11, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3620. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports" (Doc. no. CN-02-002) received on August 11, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3621. A communication from the Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the Child Nutrition Infant Meal Pattern" (RIN0584-D26) received on August 22, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3622. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Grain Standards Act; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3623. A communication from the Administrator, Risk Management Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Regulations Subpart J-Appeal Procedure and Subpart T: Group Risk Plan of Insurance Regulations for the 2001 Succeeding Crop Years; and the Common Crop Insurance